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ESI SCHEME
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Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) the date on which the ESI scheme was introduced and its basic features;

(b) the number of beneficiaries countributing towards this scheme at present; and

(c) the details of participation of State Governments and Corporation in regard to providing benefits to the workers?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI MUNI LALL)

(a) to (d): The Employees` State Insurance Scheme is being gradually implemented area-wise in a phased manner. The Scheme was initially introduced at Delhi and Kanpur with effect from 24th February, 1952. As on 31.3.99 there were 80.85 lakh employees contributing to the ESIS at 642 centres in the country. TheESI Scheme provides for medical care and payment of certain cash benefits on account of sickness, maternity, disablement, death etc. Under the scheme the employers contribute @ 4.75% of the monthly wage and the employees @ 1.75%. While cash benefits under the ESIScheme are being administered by the ESIC, the provision of medical care except in Delhi & NOIDAis being administered by the State Governments/Union Territory Administrations. However, the expenditure on medical care under the ESI Scheme is shared betweenthe ESI Corporation and the State Governments in the ratio of 7:1 subject to a ceiling prescribed in this regard.